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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

**Travis L. ALLAN et al**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to action on the Request for Continued Examination, please amend the application as follows: